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DETAILED ACTION

Status

Claims 1-58 are pending.

Response to Arguments

The Applicant's arguments entered on December 15, 2004 have been fully considered. The amended claim 14 is rejected in view of the newly discovered references to Checchio (US Patent 6,023,682) in view of Sandberg-Diment (US Patent 5,826,245). See following rejection

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Checchio (US Patent 6,023,682) in view of Sandberg-Diment (US Patent 5,826,245).

As per claim 14,

Checchio ('682) discloses a transaction method

wherein a first party computer system transfers a payment token to a second party computer system in exchange for the subject of a transaction, (Figure 1)

Checchio ('682) does not explicitly disclose the method comprising the step of the first party computer system transferring at least one part of a payment token to the second party computer system via a third party computer system and wherein the payment token does not identify a first party; Sandberg-Diment ('245) discloses the method comprising the step of the first party computer system transferring at least one part of a payment token to the second party computer system via a third party computer system and wherein the payment token does not identify a first party (Figure 2). It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Checchio ('682) method with the Sandberg-Diment ('245) method in order to enable the transaction to be processed in a secure fashion.

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Claims 1-13 and 26-58 are allowable.

Claims 15-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Examiners note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John M Winter whose telephone number is (703) 305-3971. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6, 1st Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James P Trammell can be reached on (703)305-9768. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-7687 for regular communications and (703) 305-7687 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

February 22, 2005 JMW

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